

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) A method for facilitating transfer of an interest in an intellectual property asset via global computer network, the method comprising:

formulating a proposed transfer of an interest in an intellectual property asset based on input submitted by a network user;

presenting one or more terms for the proposed transfer;

permitting the network user to select one or more of the terms;

limiting bidders via an access profile;

defining the proposed transfer based at least part on the terms selected by the user; and

posting the proposed transfer on a network resource residing on the global computer network.

6-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating transfer of interests in intellectual property assets via a global computer network, the method comprising:

auctioning an interest in an intellectual property asset via a network resource residing on the global computer network, wherein auctioning an interest includes listing, as part of an auction process, an asset identifier corresponding to the asset and terms of transfer of the interest in the intellectual property asset;

limiting access to the asset identifier and the terms of transfer as a function of an access profile associated with each network user;

gathering bids from network users; and

automatically adjusting the terms of transfer in the event no sufficient bids are gathered within a predetermined period of time.

11. (Previously Presented) The method for facilitating transfer of an interest in an intellectual property asset via global computer network of claim 5, wherein limiting bidders via an access profile includes accessing a database of access profiles, wherein each network user has an associated access profile.

12. (Previously Presented) A method for auctioning an interest in an intellectual property asset via a global computer network, the method comprising:

offering the interest in the intellectual property asset via a network resource residing on the global computer network, wherein the interest in the intellectual property asset is defined by a proposed transfer agreement and a profile of users granted access to the proposed transfer agreement;

collecting bids from network users meeting the profile of users granted access to the proposed transfer agreement; and

accepting a bid.

13. (Previously Presented) The method for auctioning an interest in an intellectual property asset via a global computer network of claim 12, wherein the proposed transfer agreement is a proposed licensing agreement.

14. (Previously Presented) The method for auctioning an interest in an intellectual property asset via a global computer network of claim 12, wherein the intellectual property asset is a patent.

15-23. (Cancelled).